

Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisors Room, Alma NE

Tuesday August 18th, 2020

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor met in regular session Tuesday August 18th, with Supervisors, Chris Schluntz, Max Schultz, Cindy Boehler, Jeff Bash, Tony Gulizia, Mike Clements, and Traci Dietz. Also present were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, and Road/Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson. Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the August 4th, 2020 were reviewed. Chairman asked for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by Boehler, 2nd by Bash to accept as written. Roll call votes, #2 Schultz abstained, (absent from meeting) remaining votes all ayes. Motion carried.

County Clerk brought forth a claim from the Harlan County Historical Society. Due to reorganization, last year's budget request was never applied for, Clerk requested direction for payment and budget for 2020-2021. After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Schultz, 2nd by Gulizia to budget \$20,000. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk will request Historical Society President Melinda Lingg to attend the next meeting.

Harlan County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson joined the meeting. Tim discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with Pinpoint Communications. Motion was made by Bash 2nd by Boehler to approve the MOU. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Harlan County Hospital CEO, Patrick Auman, (and several other employees) joined the meeting. Discussion was held on advancing joined services with Kearney Regional Hospital, Studer Group trainings, 2017 Tahoe purchase/vehicle plate status vs car rental expense. Chairman Dietz requested hospital monthly financial documents as previously supplied to the board.

Kenton Peterson, Jill Schmidt, were among several members from Harlan County Fair board. Discussion was proceeding with a new fair barn. Discussion was held on funding and keeping open communication with the board.

Senior Center Director Bonnie Kresser joined the meeting, Bonnie requested to have the Senior Center bus contract signed. Board approved.



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Harlan County Treasurer joined the meeting, discussion was held on Distress warrant report, Release of Pledged Security with Commercial State Bank, and status of vehicle plate change for the Harlan County Hospital's purchase of the 2017 Tahoe. Treasurer requested a letter from the Board directing her office to allow the status change. County Attorney will write the letter.

County Clerk requested to move the November 3rd, 2020 board meeting to November 4th due to the 2020 General Election. Motion was made by Dietz, 2nd by Bash to approve the meeting change. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Gulizia spoke of a new Health Insurance Groups coming to Nebraska in January 2021. Discussion was held on a possibly bidding.

Board recessed for lunch at 12:10 pm.

Budget session

Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:00 pm. All were in attendance. Budget session was held with CPA Robert Dunaway. Road Budget,(with Road Superintendent) General/Misc. Public Defender, Tourism, Building/Grounds, Surveyor, Cash Balances, were all reviewed. Clerk will get the final numbers to the CPA, final review with CPA will be September 1st at 2:00 pm. Additional 1% Resolution to be approved at that time. Public Hearing and adoption of 2020-2021 Budget will take place September 15th at 11:00 am.

Attest Janet Dietz, Harlan County Clerk (SEAL)

Traci Dietz, Chairman